OARSMEN ON THE HARLEM

THE CLUBS ALL BUSY NOW.

MANY SHELLS ACTIVELY ENGAGED-CREWS WHICH ARE AT WORK.

The corsmon of the Harlem River are already ginning to shake off the lethargy of the winter, and the boat houses of the numerous rowing organizations which line the west bank of the river from one-hundredand-thirty-first to one-hundred-and-flity-fifth sts. now present a bustling appearance. In many of the club mass painters and corpenters are at work renovating their cosey interiors and obterwise getting them into shape for the coming season. On the first sunday in April, which was a remarkably warm day the season, the river was alive with boats and a large proportion of last senson's oursmen presented them selves at their clubs to begin their practice. Crews were made up and the advisability of training for and entering the many regations to be held this sering was Last Sunday the weather was thoroughly discussed. neach too cold and windy to enjoy rowing, and few crows were on the river. The section, however, is now fully under way, and the officers of most of the clubs are preparing their men for the coming regatins.



DAUNTLESS CLUBHOUSE.

The Harlem Eccatta Association at its last meeting admitted seven new boat clubs, and added several rates to its list. No chance had been previously allowed for the junior eight-oared crews of the Harlem River clubs to meet, and a race was arranged at the last meeting for such crews. Much interest is centred in this competition, as many of the clubs which think it foolish to enter a senior eight-cared crew, and thus invite defeat, will train crews for this junior race The 'celebried "chippy" crew of the New-York Athletic Club, which was so successful last season, and the famous Atalanta sentor cigit will probably have dogs pretty much their own way in the senior race. In the other races the competition will be lively, with the possible exception of the senior singles in the race "diamond sculls," which should be won by Frederick Hawkins, of the Manhattan Athletic Club.





LIEUTENANT TUCSON, OF THE FRIENDSHIP. There is considerable justice for Mr. Shirley's complaint, too, for there are many such cases on the quatic records just as there are on those of the athletic world. The Manhattan Athletic Club will this season be represented by last season's "crack" crew of the University of Pennsylvania, and it is said that many other expert college oarsinen will blossom forth wearing "cherry diamond" and the "Mercury foot"

emblems later in the season.

William Oliver, the Harlem River boatbuilder, has been busy during the last few months with orders for new cedar boats. The Friendship Boat Club, flough it already has an eight-oared paper shell in excellent condition, has had a handsome new cedar one built by Oliver and hunched last week. The new bont is sixty-three feet long and is fitted with the new sliding-seats, rowlocks and rowing shoes. Oliver believes that she will prove the fastest boat of he kind on the river. Another shell on almost exactly the lines is being built by Oliver at his place at One-hundred-and-thirty-first st., for the Yale College varsity crew. This will be ready for delivery in about eight or ten days. He is also building an eight oared barge for the Friendship Club. This is fifty and is wide. The club members do not expect to do much racing in this new boat, but will just keep her for training the crews in rough weather pleasure trips.

The Interclass races of the Columbia College crows will be held on the Harlem on Saturday, April 30. There will be only three crews entered this year, as the seniors have decided not to put one on the water at all this spring. The class of '93 (the juntors) will be represented by : N. G. Johnson ; 2, L. V. Sothack ; 8. Oakes, jr.; 4, W. H. Wotherspoon; 5, W. N. Tainter; 6, W. A. Pomeroy; 7, A. D. Prince; stroke H. S. McKee, and coxswain, A. V. Stout. The sophomores will place their hopes for success on these men 1, E. S. Langford; 2, G. N. Woolsey; 3, G. Perrine; 4, N. H. Buckout; 5. J. V. B. Demorest; 6, J. P. Berkard 7. C. W. Trippe; stroke, W. H. Nichols, and coxswain. The crew from the class of '95 has not been decided upon as there are several candidates for two or three of the places. Thy are sure to make a

good showing, however. A trip along the shore of the river shows the clubs to be in a busy condition just now in their preparation for the spring season. At the big clubhouse of the intless Bont Club, at One-hundred and forty-seventh st., things are "booming" just now. This club has already three crews in training on the river for the coming regatta—a junior and a senior four, and a junior eight. The latter will be entered in the Harlem regatto, and the club's members place much faith in their ability to win. The crew is made up as follows: 1, Woodruff; 2, Hall; 3, Busse; 4, Schwartz; 5, Shea; 6, Phelan; 7, Fothergill; stroke, Whitefield, and coxswain, J. J. MacDonald. If this crew makes s good showing late in the spring it will also be entered in the other regattas. The Dauntless senior four will consist of 1, Mulcarte; 2, Torriani; 3, Sheeby, and F. Connell. This crew will row in the Harlem and other regattas, if it shows much speed in

represent the Dauntiess Club in the juntor singles of emi will be made at Van Courtlandt Park on Taurs the Harlem regatta, and E. H. Anderson, who was day, May 6. recently elected captain of the club, is already looking

The limit of one hundred has now almost been reached. About two weeks ago the club's old six-oared burge was sold to Princeton College. Manager Frazer and aptein Phil King, of the football team, have decided much material for the football team from the previous for football training, and will make the candidates barge which they have bought from the Dauntless people. To take the place of the bont it sold, the Dountless Club has ordered from Yought, the builder. be held on the evenings of April 26, 27 and 23. Dauntless Club has ordered from Vought, the builder, eight-oared burge, to be fifty-three feet long. This is to be delivered about June, and the members look orward to many jolly excursions in the new boat this

summer. The Metropolitan Club is also increasing its membership list this spring. Seven new members were elected in March, and a number more will be elected at the next meeting. President T. S. Mahoney says the club will probably enter a juntor four in the Harlem and Passale regation, and a senior four at Passale and for the Middle States Chmptonship at Newark.



F. G. WHITFIELD, OF THE DAUNTLESS.
At the Friendship Cinh all is activity and preparation. Last week, uespite the unpiessant wentner, the funior eight was out and hard at work training under the coxewain, John Gelson. This crew is made up as follows: I, Frank Floot: 2. William Comor: 3. Harry Kessler; 4. Charles Kinzler; 5. Elward Theker; 5. Thomas Heathy: 7. Henry Torg: stroke. Elward Morrison; and coxewain, John Gelson. This crew will probably row in the Burlem, Passale and Middle States regattas, while the club will have an intermediate eight which will soom row in the new cedur shell. Oliver will look after this crew and if it shows sufficient speed in a trial it will probably row with sentors in the Harlem regatta. Some of the members oppose this, as they think it would be only courting defeat to enter against the fast crews which will surely row in this race.

this race. Captain William Meyer says, however, that the me

Robert Evans.

If they do not enter the Harlem river regatin as all or these men will be entered in the race for in they do not enter the interest river regards for its, these men will be entered in the race for in us, these men will be entered in the race for in so or Passale regards. At its last meeting the adship Club elected five new members, and having mere applications to act upon at its next ing. A club regards will be held about the middle sunst.

of August.

The largest float on the river is now claimed by the Nonparell Club. It has had a new one built his spring and it is now in place before the club-use. It is 73 by 16 feet. This club will probably

CAPTAIN MEYER, OF THE FRIENDSHIP.

One of the greatest evils which threaten rowing in goral circles now is that which has bothered the athletic clubs for the last two or three seasons, and is explained by President H. S. Shirley, of the Crescent Boat Club. He says: "It is useless for the smaller clubs, like ours, to train and enter crews in these regattas, for as surely as we succeed in securing a winning one we get the resignations of our men, and a few weeks later hear that they have joined either the New-York or Manhattan Athletic club. These clubs have practically ruined more than one Harlem rowing club, by luring away with golden promises their best "arsmen."

The Nassan Kowing Club has also a number of crews already tanding for the Harlem River and other regittas. Its senior four will consist of: 1, F. W. Colonia, Its senior four will consist of: 1, F. R. L. E. Powers, 1, 1, 2, J. N. R. P. Span; 2, F. M. F. R. L. E. Powers, 1, 1, 2, J. N. R. E. Stockel; 4

this year. Few of its crews to the Harlem regulta have not been made. Captain Van Roden promises, however, to have a number of last crews to represent his club this season.

The members of the Union Boat Club are more than usually active this spring. A number of crews have already been been training for the spring regards. The following crews have already been selected to represent the club on May 21. Senior four: 1, F. Nerring 2, J. Herrsty; 3, J. Nagle, and stroke, J. Filkington, Junior four: 1, J. P. Bonovan; 2, E. Lee, 3, J. Medermott, and stroke, T. McManus, J. Nagle will also represent the Union Club in the sender slugle sculls. James Pilkington, John Nagle, T. McManus, John Heraty, J. Looney and F. Nering are new acquisitions to the club's forces, having left the Manhattan Athletic Club, the celors of which they carried last season. It is also rumored that Frederick Hawkins, the Manhattan's "cruck" sender, will desert that organization and John the Union Club this spring. This would be a great acquisition to the already strong forces of the latter.

One of the must beneficial pleces of legislation which has occurred in the boasing world for some years is the recently adopted haw of the Long Island Keryatha Association which prevents crews from being entered in their races by clubs not belonging to any recognized regards association. The worthy object of this new rule is to prevent clubs from entering crews and whining prizes in association regattas unless they help hear the expense which falls upon clubs holding membership in the association regattas unless they help hear the expense which falls upon clubs holding membership in the association association. This movement will now be effectually checked if the other organizations will follow the example set by the Long Island sasociation, and debar unconnected boat clubs from entering crews in their races.

NATIONAL GUARD AFFAIRS.

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS TO BEGIN - NATIONAL GUARD PENSIONS IN NEW JERSEY.

The annual inspections of the National Guard or ganizations in this city will be began the present week and the two batteries will be the first to face the new inspector general. Capiains Wendel and Wilson will muster their organizations on Tuesday evening, when General McGrath will record the standing of the two batteries for the year. On Wednesday evening Troop A and the First Brigade Signal Corps will meet the inspector-general. The troop will probably be inspected at Claremont Park. A number of other organization will be inspected next week in Van Courtlandt Park and a good deal of interest is felt in these affairs, because of the departure from the general method of hold-

ing the inspections in the armories.

The 12th Regiment will have a preliminary drill and inspection in the armory on the evening of May 4 t prepare for the outdoor ceremony a week or so later The athletic games of this regiment on Tuesday evening were a great success. More entries were received that ever before in any armory games of this organization and a large proportion of those who entered were or hand and actually competed. More than 500 men ap peared and took part in the contests, out of 643 entries The contests were run off quickly and were conducted

in an excellent manner in every respect.

The 224 Regiment made an excellent showing at the armory on Monday evening when the regiment paraded for the presentation of marksmen's budges and long service medals, and was reviewed by Mayor Grant It was one of the most successful affairs which the regimen ever held, and the officers and men deserve great credit for the rapidity with which they have mastered the new drill regulations. There was one unpleasant feature, and tast was the arrest of a man who had not paid his fines and dues by a regimental marshal who undoubtedly misunderstood his duty. Sharp shooters' medals were distributed to eight men, 169 received marksmen's badges and eleven members he ambulance corps were decorated with appropriate nedals. The following members received long-service medals : Gold bar, twenty years' service, Captain Will lam J. Maidhof, Company B. November 6, 1871; sliver you, Company D. September 7, 1875; Ordnance ber, fifteen years' service, Captain William H. Cortel-Sergeant E. C. Fischer, N. C. S., May 19, 1876; bronze medal, ten years' service, Quartermaster-Sergeant H. S. Bush, Company D, July 4, 1867; Private J. G. Muller Company A, June 7, 1875; Corporal Joseph Unger Company B, March 5, 1881; First Lieutenant W. E. Haws, jr., staff, March 10, 1881; Sergeant George W. Brown, N. C. S., September 1, 1881; First Lieutenant R. J. Daly, Company K. October 4, 1881; Musician L. Bourdenay, Jr., Company E. October 4, 1881

Sergeant W. L. Borstleman, N. C. S., October 6, 1876.

The 226 will have a preliminary Inspection to morrow

its training. William Mulcare and Karl Schwartz will evening, and the exhibition before the Inspector-Gen

The 8th Regiment assembled at the armory on Friday about for other material for the regatta.

Two months or so ago the Dauntless Club decided to waive its initiation fee this spring, and since then no less than thirty new members have been elected.

Association had an entertainment on the same evening in the armory. Supper was served in the north tower at 10 o'clock.

The 9th Regiment will be inspected in the armory on the evening of May 4. Colonel Seward's command that, since Yale and Harvard have each year gotten will go to the State camp this year, and conse-much material for the football team from the previous quently the inspection will be held indoors. The spring's 'varsity crew, rowing is an excellent thing formation will be according to the new drill regulations, and the three battalions will be commanded as follows: for next fall's team row on the canot every day in the First Battallon, Major Japha; Second Battallon, Captain Lorigan; Third Esttalion, Captain Marks.

> Company G, of the 7th Regiment, will have an outdoor drill some day this week, probably to-morrow

The Legislature of the State of New-Jersey has passed an act providing for exceedingly liberal pensions to the members of the National Guard of that State, who think that the laws in that respect are liberal in this State should read the new act in New Jersey. It reads as follows:

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New-Jersey, That Section 79 of the act to which this is amendatory be and the same is hereby amended so as

dren, or dependent mother or father of any officer or soldier who may have been within three years last passed, or who may hereafter be killed or fatally injured, or who shall die may hereafter be killed or fatally injured, or who shart de-from discase contracted while in the line of duty in the ner-formance of any actual service of this State, or while en-gaged in any parade, encampment or brigade, regimental or battalion inspection (not in the service of the United States), or any officer or soldier who may have been within ten years hast passed, or who may hereafter be wounded or permaently disabled in the performance of any actual service of reward that persons under similar circumstances receive from the United States, and in cases of fatal bijury such reward shall date from the time of receiving the injuries on account of which such reward is allowed.

2. And be is enacted, That this act shall take effect im

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IN A CAGE WITH LEOPARDS.

SENSATION OF A STRANGER WHO FINDS HIM-SELF THERE.

THE SILKEN-COATED CREATURES SUBMISSIVE

UNDER THEIR MASTER'S WILL, BUT ALWAYS TREACHEROUS.

There is a young man in this city who is a little disgusted at present. It all comes from disappointment. He conceived the idea some time ago that it would make interesting reading to write up the feelthes of a man in a cage of wild animals, and he managed at last, after much trouble, to get the permission of Mr. Balley, of Barraum & Balley's Show, to go into one of the enges there. Thesday morning was appelluted for the attempt, and there was a gathering of animal men and employes of the show around the enges to watch results. W. H. Couldin, Barnum & enges to water results.

Bailey's superintendent of animals, was on hand to act as guide, philosopher, and friend, and "Tody" Hamilton acted as bird of ill omen, by offecting to make bets on the number and size of the pieces that would be left of the experimenter. If he had succeeded in closing any bets he would have lost, for the reporter came out again unscrutched.

The idea first was to go into the figers' cage, it was found that the partitions separating the three animals could not be raised for fear of their fighting as soon as they came together. So that eage was passed, and the reporter had to content himself with serving his apprenticeship, as it were, by merely patting old Ned and rubbing his head.

Then the lions' case was approached, but they were

It was then determined to visit the leopards. These eopards are as fine specimens of their tribe as are to be seen anywheres. There are five of them, of be seen anywheres. which one is a beautiful, large, black male. The other four are spotted leopards, two males and three females. The black one is called Nigger, and the there, other male is Dick. The females are Minnie, the He warned the visitor that Jenny was extremely dangerous, and at his suggestion a long pole

as opened the grating, and admitted the newspaper man. The door of the cage was slammed to at sice, and for the first time in his life the reporter ound himself among wild beasts. Minnle crouched t his feet, growling r bit. "May I touch her!" asked the experimenter.
"Yes, only be careful."

up her ears slightly when her head was scratched. Her eautiful hide was soft as velvet, and extremely thick and smooth, giving one a tremulous thrill, but not sensations of dread. Then the compartment holding Sigger was opened, and he came out. His temper was different from that of Minnie. While he was locked in he had roused and sniffed, and reached out his laws to seize the visitors. When he came in the centre compartment the first bit of real excitement

The black leopard, with the hair bristling on his back, and his tall whipping his flanks, half-crouched on the extom of the cage, and began to approach stealthily. He did not once take his glaring eyes off the two men for an instant, and Conklin watched the big cat as sharply. Suddenly, with a wonderfully quick, lithe motion, which must have seemed extremely graceful to the spectators who were on the outside of the case, the animal reached the reporter's side. It was done so quickly that he hardly realized it, but Conklin and been on the siert, and muttering angelly: " Back, back, Nigger," he caught the leopard firmly by the back of the neck with both hands, and forced him

"Get to the back of the cage," he said to the reporter, "and look out and don't let him try to leg you again. "What do you mean by legging me?" asked the

other. Why, they want to catch you by the leg. If they succeed, they may not bite first, but merely get their jaws around the calf of your leg. But once they get hold there, nothing can make them let go, and if you try to pull away or hit them, they'll nip and tear you, and you won't get out of the cage sound and whole, if you get out at all." Again and again one or another of the treacherous beasts tried to catch the two men off their guard and seize them from behind. But Conklin always warned his companion in time, though several times it was as much as he could do to pull the leopards away. The nd powerful muscles the animals possessed, when he endeavored, at one time, to push the large spotted muscles of his body that he could manage to keep the leopard away. He realized then for the first time that no man, with or without weapons, would have a single chance for his life in such close quarters if one of the mimals were to become savage and attack him. minials were to become savage and attack him. The fact that, unaimed and unprotected, men could enter the cage and hota them in subjection aroused a certain pride in the superiority of the human mind over that of the wild animals around him, which added greatly to the reporter's confidence and helped him keep his nerve, even after he had been in the cage for ten or after minutes, when the animals, which had gradually become more and more excited, began to show their temper in some extremely unpleasant and alarming ways.

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Minnie, the beauty of the den, suddenly exhibited a bad spirit. The reporter had just petted her as she crouched at his feet, when she began, so slowly that it was almost imperceptible, to turn on her back, with a motion like a snake, a resemblance which was further heightened by her spotted tawny golden hide. Her lips curied back from her great, white, curved teeth in a vicious grin, and from her chest there came a succession of growls. She lay stretched across the cage, penning both men into one corner, and it made decidedly uncomfortable quarters for them, for the big black foopard was there too, and he required constant watching, as he was beginning to growl ominously also. The eyes of both animals had become a shining green and the pliptis were be-

ginning to contract, adding greatly to the flerce appearance of the two. They looked magnificent, and in spite of his place, Conklin's companion could not help admiring the two grand brutes then, one lying before him with all her muscles rigid and swelling, and the black leopara statking back and forth manesteally. But Conklin did not consider it a time to stand still and admire. Softly at first, then more and more carnestly, he ordered Minnie to get up. But she made no response except to shard and growth threateningly, and to show her teeth. Then he began to coax her, watching her narrowly. Good Minnie, come Minnie, get up. But his coaxing good Minnie, come Minnie, get up. But his coaxing had no more effect than his commands, and the black leopard, in sympathy with her growing wickedness, was goffing to be more and more victous himself. Conklin, seeing his words had no induence, sharply ordered one of the men around the cage to bring a whip, and with its aid, by threatening the brufe, he managed to get Minnie up. He drove her into the corner with the black leopard, who at once spat and struck at her. Then came another episode which was somewhat exciting, for Minnie at once leages, to the bars of the cage and clung there on a level with the men's heads, and only a few inches from the reporter's face.

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bars of the cage and clung there on a level with the men's heads, and only a few inches from the reporter's face.

"Stand still," whispered Conklin, and the reporter stood still, eyeing the leopard. She was growling and screaming and looked as murderous and victous as only an angry cat can look. He didn't admire her much just then; his mind was sufficiently occupied with speculations as to just how much damage those situating, froth-flecked teeth and the long, curved claws stinging, froth-flecked teeth and the long, curved claws could do, and he wondered dimly how it would feel to have the leopard fusten on him when she made the leap for which she was preparing herself. But luckly for him, she changed her mind and climbed toward the furthest corner. By this time it had become necessary to give Nigger a taste of the heavy cowhide, for sary to give Nigger a taste of the heavy cowhide, for he was becoming more and more familiar. He slunk away, growling furiously, and kept his eyes wickedly fixed on the interlopers.

Then Kitty, the smallest leopard, a beautiful young animal, was admitted into the compartment, not without a fight with Jenny, who tried to get at the men all the while they were in the cage. Kitty showed no signs of temper at all, and acted in a thoroughly becoming and ladylike manner. After, patting her for a few minutes, the two men vacated the cage, evidently much to the relief of the animals.

The sensation of the visitor when the animals crouched at his feet during the first few minutes after his entrance into the cage was similar to that which is familiar to many medical students, and which sweeps over a man when he enters a dissecting room for the first time. It catches a man in the knees and faint, breathless feeling, expressed in a desire to sit down weakly. That is the whole sensation—one of strangeness and helplessness more than fear.

THE TROTTING SEASON HERE

SULKY WHEELS TO SPIN ON THE TRACKS

IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND STAKES WHICH ARE

NOTEWORTHY

Next week the trotting season begins with the Eastern Circuit, which starts at Baltimore on May 3. This series lasts for nine weeks, two of them at the Maryland metropolis, two more at Philadelphia, and then the sulkles will once more come to this city, as the Driving Club of New-York has decided to try to rerive the sport at Fleetwood, after permitting the old course to remain idle except for the pleasure of the club since 1800, when a week of the Grand Circuit was passed at Morrisania. Another famous driving course of this State which is also to open again i Island Park, on the Hudson, half way between Albany and Troy, where some of the most stirring incidents of the trotting turf took place. Island Park had apparently outlived its usefulness, as the meetings held there In recent years received scaft patronage and the last effort made two years ago seemed to be a death-blow b it so far as harness racing was concerned.

Erastus Corning owns the property, and as it ha little value for any other purpose, he let it remain, and there for some time, is now the lessee. The meeting there follows the one at Fleetwood, the latter beginning on Decoration Day and lasting till June 3, but Albany is content with the customary four days, beginning the The Clay Stake which was once a next Tuesday. tenture of Island Park will not be renewed, as It is by no means certain that the horseman will return to the old track. The land is swampy and so many horses have been taken sick there that the trainers avoided it when they could.

Outside of the Albany meeting this spring route promises well, and from there it goes to lioston, re-maining for two weeks at Mystic and Franklin parks, respectively. The latter is at Saugus, and seems to have taken the place of Beacon Course at Allston, once extremely nervous and irritable on Tuesday morning, a favorite trofting ground. There are dutes claimed and Conkilla decided it was too dangerous to take a at Bencon contemporary with Caugus, but the latter has at Beacon contemporary with Caugus, but the latter has a place in the Southeastern Circuit, which would more properly be called the Atlantic, as it traverses the const from Maryland to Massachusetts. Hariford, Conn. closes the season the last week in June, and as Charter Cak Park has been the landmark of trotting in the East

Before the wind up at Hartford of the early elecution prize beauty of the lot; Kitty, the smallest one, and scores of tracks will have opened their gates all over Jenny, as nasty and victous a brute as was ever the country, and the fixtures already announced for brought from the jungle. The trainer of these and 1:52 show that the suikles will be kept busier this orought from the large. The own was a substitute of two years, is "Nat" year than at any time since they were first employed.

McKay. He warned the visitor that Jenny was ex.

The latest calendar shows nearly 500 meetings, distributed over thirty States, with numerous fairs and with a hook was used to drag her into the further compartment, where she was locked in safety with and Pennsylvania keep up the old-time prestige of the Dick and Kitty. Her language was had in the ex trotter in the East failty well outside of the metropolis, treme, and the reporter did not insist on her company. but it is in the West and Southwest that light harness The binck leggard was in the compartment at the sport has its strongest support. Only probably leads other end of the enge and Mr. Conklin entered the in the number of tracks, but Iowa, Illinois, Michigan entre compartment, which was occupied by Minnie, and Indiana are not far behind, while Missouri, nd then looked out from behind the boss with a Kentucky, Kansas and Nebraska furnish no small part smile.

"Come in, I dare you," said he. The reporter, feeling that the eyes of the show were on him, walked up to the door. "Are you really coming in?" asked Conhin and receiving an affirmative answer. one of the most important meetings each season is October. Here the giving of valuable stakes for young trotters has been encouraged, and a \$25,000 Futurity was opened not long ago.

Tennessee, more than any other part of the South, is showing enterprise in pre-paring speeding places "Yes, only be careful."

The animal submitted to being petted and pricked and columbia are two of the best courses to be found. anywhere. The former is of the elliptical shape, or regulation," as turfmen now distinguish the contin nous track from those with only one turn and pat terned something like a kite. It is somewhat out of the ordinary, however, in that it is built on a piece of land with a considerable depression, the track being the rim to the basin, and thus affording unusually good facilities for seeing the horses from start to nulsh. Columbia has the newer kite-shaped course, where Direct paced the three fastest heats ever made in a race last October, scoring the best record, 2:08, ever made in a contest at either gait. The first of these single-turn tracks was built at Independence, where the average of speed was so much lower than on the regulation rings that the breeders halled the innovation with joy. Records being the best advertisement for them, they flocked to the little town on the prairie, overflowed its stables till the neighbor-ing farms had to board the visiting horses as well and kept trying to put fast marks on their productill the approach of winter compelled them to let up on the overworked youngsters. That was less that two years ago, and already the kite track has won its way as a speeding place, so that several more were constructed last season, and many other places are following suit this year. Most of them are beyond the Oldo River, but New-England has a couple, and at Meadville, Penn., where Sunol is to be trained, no expense is being spared to make the one laid out last year as fast as possible.

On the Pacific slope the sport begins later and lasts

till well into December, the coming of the rainy seasor being the signal for a vacation, which is much shorter than on this side of the mountains. The Eav District track, near San Francisco, once the most popular on the coast, has been superseded in turn by others at Sacramento and Napa; but the open ing of a kite-track at Stockton last year, where most every record was smashed overshidowed anything that had ever been done in that section. California, like Kentucky, is more reporter discovered for himself what enormous strength of a breeding-place than a buttle-ground for trotters, was hidden under their velvety skins, and what superb so that those who have good stables there find it more profitable to cross the Rockies and join the big tournament on this side. For the last two or leopard, Minule, from his legs. He is stronger than the three years some of the biggest plants have been average man, but it was only by the exertion of all the carried off by "cracks" from the Pacific coast, and this season they are to return in greater numbers than ever. This gives the smaller fry a chance at home, and latest advices from there indicate that with the more formidable horses away the fields will be larger and the conte ts closer than ever.

May and June are too early, however, to bring out the cream of the harness-racers, and it is not till July that the sensational performers appear. The summer campaign, once confined mainly to the Grand Circuit, now extends over a much larger territory, and the once famous series has no longer a monopoly. For more than twenty years it was the converging point for the best stables, and with an assured patronage of horses and spectators the various members netted a snug sum from their annual meetings. Recently an opposition has started that threatens to close up more than one of the Grand Cleentt tracks, unless the policy of these becomes less conservative. Not only have abuses and evils grown out of con-tinued success that caused apathy in detecting trickery, but old methods that do not fit the time are clung to in spite of all protests from outside. cent entrance fee has proved an exce-sive tax, but in most cases is still demanded, while the use of amateur

udges, especially for starting, is still the fashion, except in one or two instances. Younger associations seeing an opportunity to exter to the wishes of the horsemen and the public as well, have been able to hold meetings at the same time the Grand Circuit was in progress, and reup a fair profit from the outlay. Encouraged by this, the example has been followed, and last year a number of tracks formed what was called the Western-Southern Circuit. This did not begin till about the middle of August, so that Pittsburg. Cleveand, Buffalo and Rochester and a clear field for the first half of the Grand Circuit. The majority of the Western trainers turned back from Rochester, leaving the Eastern associations to depend chiefly on home material. The new series lasted for about ter weeks and was in huany respects free from the evils that had arisen along the old line of march for the sulkies. A professional starter was discovered at Indianapolis in Frank Walker, a comparatively young man but quite the most capable for the place of any me in the stand that season. He proved his ability at Independence, and the other managers secured him in turn till the circuit closed at Nashville. To the Kentuckians he was a revelation, for the estimable gentleman of high military rank who formerly prodded at Lexington, without money and without price, eldom took note of time but by the coming of darkess, and generally had one or two unfinished races on hand each day. The keen young man from the Hoosier State was there to dispose of the racing card, and had no war reminiscences to fill the time between heats and let them lap over till a postponement was inevitable. As a result big fields were sent away with little scoring, and everybody could see the last race without missing supper. To the excellent work of this starter the Western

Southern Circuit owes much of the undeniable success which followed it, and this year it has grown in numbers, extent and amount of premiums. Starting at Sturgis, Mich., on August 1, it lasts for fourteen weeks, ending at Birmingham, Ala., November 15. Grand Rapids follows sturgts in August, then Chicago, where the start was made last year, has a week under the auspices of the Northwestern Breeders' Association. As both the running tracks have agreed to close while the trotters and pacers are at the Windy City, the meeting should have a better patronage than ever. Independence comes next, and that ambitious little town claims attention for two weeks from August 92 to September 2, when a number of big stakes and purses are to be competed for. The match between Allerton and Axtell takes place the first week, and C. W. Williams, who is the moving spirit there, is sure to have other special attractions, Sunoi herself being among the possibilities. From Iowa the scene shifts to Indiana, which State will hold the fivers for a month, with meetings at Fort Wayne, Richmond, Indianapolis and Terre Haute. Then the St. Louis Fair Association, which tried to get along without the tiotters, welcomes them once more the first week in October. After this comes the meeting at Lexington, already referred to, and the rest of October

without the totters, welcomes them once more the first week in October. After this comes the meeting at Lexington, already referred to, and the rest of October is passed in Tennessee at Nashville and Columbia. The latter was to be the halting point, but the Alabama state fair secured a place for its week at Birmingham, making in all thirteen meetings, by far the most extensive circuit ever arrunged. In point of value it is also abaed, as the total premium list foots up more than \$600,000, of which independence ofters one-third. This raises the earning capacity of the trotter to a place never belore occupied, and is only a natural outcome of the enormous amount that has been invested in stock and breeding farms during the last quarter of a century. Twenty years ago an association that hung up \$20,000 for a meeting was thought enterprising and liberal, even with the levy of a tenth of the various purses from each starter. Now there are thirteen places which guarantee an average of more than \$45,000 and charge only 5 per cent as an entrance fee, many of the stakes costing even less than that.

While the Grand Circuit offers less inducements, there are so many horses now in training that it will not go begging by any means. Pittsburg, where it has started for two years, is again at the head of the procession, and several stakes have been opened there. Detroit is not a member, but there will probably be a break made for its line thinks and Manufacturers' Stake of \$10,000 for 2.214 trotters. Cleveland has the last week in July, and the reputation of its track seems to keep the association alive, whether the money offered is kept down to the stereotyped \$2,000 purses or not. The course is at Gleuville, live miles out of the city, and once was the fastest in the world, that honor having some to the kife-tracks. The Cleveland has the last week in July, and the betting privileges being more valuable there than at any other place in the line, indicate that the suikies have still some magnetism in Eric County. Roberts has

ducements held out by associations to race winners, is evident that the outlook for trotting in 1892 brighter than at any time in its history.

A DECREASE IN THE DEATH RATE.

IT IS BELOW THE AVERAGE FOR THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR.

A slight decrease of mortality in the city last week brought the death-rate to a point below the average for this senson of the year. The number of deaths reported at the Bureau of Vi.a. Maistles during the week was bot, which is nearly fifty less than the average for the corresponding week in the last five years. The deaths from diarrhocal diseases, which sually begin to increase in number in the latter part of April, have not been numerous yet, while the mortality from pulmonary troubles has been higher than usual. Following is a record of deaths from various

	Apri	1 16. Apr
Grip and complications		200
		108
		15 57
Heart diseases		59
Kidney discuses		
Broncuitts		39
Pneumonta		
Consumption		103
Violence		
All other causes	***************	355
		200
Total		937

No case of typhus fever or of smallpox had bee reported at the Bureau of Contagious Diseases yesterday at the hour of closing. Only three cases of the fever had been found in the city during the week, but smallpox increased somewhat, twenty-eight cases and three deaths having been reported on six days of the The sprend of scarlet fever, measles and diphtheria also continued, although the mortality from those discuses decreased slightly. Below is a record of contagious diseases in the city during two weeks:

April 16. April 23. Cases, Deaths. Cases, Deaths820 103 930 Total

TRANSATLANTIC TRAVELLERS.

Among the passengers sailing on the Cunard steam ship Etruria for Liverpool yesterday were Professor and Mrs. Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Brown, Mrs. Lawrence Barrett, Major E. L. Braithwaite, British Consul to the City of Mexico; William F. Cody, Montague J. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bromley Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas-Dick, the Révs. James and Robert Fullerton, Louis J. Francke, Mr and Mrs. John A. Johnson, Count Koenigsmarck, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Morse, Colonel and Mrs. O. N. Peabody, Bishop Ridley, of Victoria, B. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Sloane, Charles Hill Trevor, Mrs. John s. Ward, Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Watson and W. W. Glendinning. The French steamship La Bretagne for Havre had among her passengers Mr. and Mrs. Daniel s. Lamont, Sarah Bernhardt, Rudolph Aronson, Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Chanler, the Rev. Francois Loisel, Dr. W. E. Milbank, Dr. Benjamin T. Deering, Julio Banados Espinosa, the Rev. H. C. Mayer, Dr. J. Kent Sanders, the Baron and Baroness Seillere, Mr. and Mrs. Oakleigh Thorne, Augustino Pellerano, H. C. Lawrence, W. A. Spencer and Frederick C. Gowan.

Among the passengers sailing on the Netherlands American steamship Amsterdam for Kotterdam were American steamship Amsterdam for Kotterdam were C. A. Brandenburg, the Rev. E. R. Foley, J. H. Davis, John W. Lee, A. Chapman and Mrs. W. J. Blekford. The North German Lloyd steamship Aller for Southampton and Bremen had among her passengers Mr. and Mrs. T. Jefferson Coolldge, Jr., G. S. Curtis, Dr. C. B. Fitzpatrick, P. S. Hager, John D. Lewis, A. G. Porter, Henry Tilden, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. White, F. B. scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. E. Waters, E. L. Graham and the Rev. Edward Hasse.

World's Fair Special-favorite train for Chicago via ew-York Central. No extra fare.

THE HANDEL FESTIVAL ACIS AND GALATEA" WITH SCENERY AND COSTUMES - THE "MESSIAH". WITH THE ORIGINAL ACCOMPANIMENT. The 150th anniversary of the first performance

Handel's Messiah" is to be commemorated this week by a series of three festival concerts under the direct tion of Walter Damrosca, assisted by the Symphonorchestra throughout imitating the music of the Mrd orchestra throughout immuning and evening and Friday
the Music Hall. On Thursday evening and Friday
the Music Hall. On Thursday evening and Friday presented for the first time in this country as a star play with the following cast: Clementine De Vere-Sapie
William H. Rieger
Irène Pevay
Emil Fischer Galatza, a sea nymph Acis, a shepherd...... Damen, a shepherd..... l'olyphemus, a giant... The work will be given with all the necessary stage appointments and appropriate costumes. The chorn numbers are to be rendered by fifty or more leading church choir singers, who have been carefully trained

by Mr. Damrosch. The scenery, which has been painted for the occasion, will represent a classe Grecian landscape diversified with rocks and charge groves with the ocean in the distance. As the curtain rises this scene is bathed in early morning light, which gradually brightens into day. A chorus of nymph and shepherds enter dancing and singing; this is followed by the entrance of Galates, who broathes he love for the shepherd Acis in the languorous strains Hush, ye pretty warbling choir," the music of the orchestra throughout imitating the music of the birds. Acis enters declaring his love in the graceful sir, "Long Acts enters dectaring his love in the graceau air, "long in her eyes sits playing." Their voices finally min in the duct, "Happy, happy, we," in which the chorus joins. In the second act the chorus is here singing before the curtain rises. It bewalls the fate of the wretched lovers on whom Fate has pussed the act." In frightened the wretched lovers on whom rate has passed the decree that "No joy shall last." In frightened accents they announce the approach of the giant Poppens, "The mountain nods, the forest stakes, the phemus, "The mountain nods, the forest stakes, the waves run frightened to the shores; hark! how the thundering giant roors." As the curtain rises Polyphemus is seen entering, and the chorus of frightener nymphs and shepherds hurry away at his approach The dramatic recitative of Polyphemus, "I rage, I melt, I burn," in which he declares his love for Galatea in ponderous accents, as well as the air which follows it, "O, ruddler than the cherry," are so well known that they need no comment. They are reckoned among Handel's most remarkable examples of musical writing and declaration. As Polyphemus declares his love for Galatea, she spurns the uncouth suitor, and Acis, entering, declares his resolve to do combat with the giant, in the famous air Love sounds th' alarm, and fear is a flying." Acts and Galatea declare to each other the constancy of their love, and Polyphemus, enraged, lifts his club and strikes the unfortunate Acis to the ground. Acis dies, calling out, "Help, Galatea! Help, ye parent gods, and take me to your deep abodes." As night gradually envelopes the scene, the chorus enters singing the wonderfully pathette chorus, "Mourn, all re Muses." The death of Acis is bewalled until finally Galatea ures he divine power and changes her dead lover into a flowing river. This river is seen bubbling out of the rocks, its waves sparkling in the moonlight as it flows on toward the sea, there to mingle continually with the waters of the ocean—the home of Galatea.

The "Messlah" will be given on Saturday evening, with Mrs. Jennie Patrick-Walker and Miss Marguret Ried, sopranos; Mme. Marie Ritter-Goetze, alto; signor Campanini, tenor; Ericeson T. Bushnell, best, as solo singers. The Symphony Orchestra and the Oratorio Soelety will sustain the orchestral and choral parts. Mr. Damrosch will use Handel's original orchestration, and it will be the first performance of the "Messlah" in this country with this accompaniment. calling out, "Help, Galatea! Help, ye parent gods,

MUSICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The last of the Seidl concerts at the Lenox Lyceum will take place this evening. The solo performers will be Madame Mielke, Fraeulein Pevny, Andreas Dippel and Arthur Friedhelm. The programme is composed of Nicode's "Jubilee" march, some of Brahme's Hungarian dances, Lizzt's Fantasia on themes from Beethoven's "Ruins of Athens" for pianoforte and orchestra, three short pieces for strings by Herbert, Grieg and Gillet, two songs by Grieg and Taubert, some Spanish dances by Massenet, Rubinstein, Eiret and Moszkowski, Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries," and Siegmund's Love Song from "Die Walkuere," the forest scene from "Siegfried" (with the vocal parts), and the prelude and finale from "Tristan und Isolde."

Miss De Vere and Madame Scalchi will be the singers at the Damrosch popular concert in the Music Hall this evening, when the programme will be as fol lows:

Symphony No. 1, Schumann; solo, "Ah quel Giorno," Rossini (Mme. Sofia Scalchi); (a) Cradle Song, "Dodelinette," Gounod; (b) Valse from Serenade, Volkmann (string orchestral); overture, "Massaniello," Auber; "Sketch from the Desert," Borodin; solo from "Esclarnonde," Massenet (Mme. De Vere-Sapio); "Dreams," Wagner (violin solo by Mr. Jules Conus); duet from "La Gazza Ladra," Rossini (Mesdames De Vere-Sapic and Scalchi); "Roman Carneval," overture, Berlioz The auction sale of boxes for the Adel

grand musical and operatio festival, which will be

given at the Madison Square Garden on the evenings of Tuesday, May 10, and Thursday, May 12, and on the afternoon of Saturday, May 14, will be held on regular Thursday afternoon next, April 26, at 3:30, in the Concert Hall of the Madison Square Garden. Ten will be served to the ladies during the progress of the sale. The regular sale of seats for single performances will begin on Friday, April 20, at the main entrance on Madison-ave. Rehearsals of the artists, festival chorus of 1,000 voices, and the orchestra of 100 musicians, will begin on Monday, May 2, under the direction of Signor Arditi and Mr. Chapman. Mme. Pattl's selections will be made from "Lucia di Lam-mermoor," "Semiramide," "The Barber of Seville" bellads will embrace "The Echo Song," "Coming through the Rye." "The Last Rose of Summer." "Home, Sweet Home" and some "Waltz" songs of Arditi's. Mile, Fabbri, Signor Guille, Signor Galassi and Signer Novara will be heard in operatic work best suited to their abilities. Rusticana," "Hail Bright Abcde" from Tannhauser, the Spinning Chorus, from "The Flying Dutchman, "Thanks to God," from Elijah, and "The Lost Chord" will be among the selections to be sung by the feetival chorus.

In the number, variety and interest of the concerts to be given the present week will compare more than favorably with any in the season. In the first place, so far as artistic promise goes, istands the Wagner concert to be given at the Metropolitan Opera House on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian Association. Mr. Seidl and his orchestra, Madame Mielke, Madame Ritter-Goetze and Mr. Dippel will be heard in the most interesting programme of Wagner's muste that has been planned this senson, and the affair will doubtless be one great brilliancy, artistically and sociolly.

The sixth and last concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra this sea on occurrs at Chickering Hall, on Tuesday evening next. The programme is as follows: symphonic poem, "The Youth of Hercules," Saint-Saens; atia from "Heradiade," Mussenet; concerto for violin, in D major, Paganini, revised by Wilhelmi; fantasy from "Tannhauser," Act II, Wagner; duct from "The Taming of the Shrew," Goetz: Symphony No. 4, Dvorak. Mr. and Mrs. Henschel will sing and Mr. Kneisel will play Paganint's concerto.

The programme of the concert to be given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Mr. Eugen d'Albert at the Madison Square Garden Concert Hall, on Monday evening, May 2, Is as follows: Overture, Sakuntala," Goldmark; concerto for planoforte, E minor, opus 11, Chopin; introduction to Act III, dance of apprentices, procession of mastersingers and homage to Hans Sachs, "Meistersinger," Wagner; pilgrims' march, "Harold in Italy," Berlioz; concerto for plano in E-flat, Liszt.

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A testimonial concert to Mr. Agramonte is to be given by the American Composers' Choral Association at Chickering Hall next Thursday evening; a Russlan planist, Rosa sondarska, and Mrs. S. C. Ford will assist. The society will sing Corder's "The Mend Dance," a nocturne by Floersheim and spring song by Chadwick (women's voices), Arthur Foote's "One of the Societo in Armor". C. A. Lidgey's "Women and Roses," Carl Walter's "The Slent Land," and thoth's "The Shepherl Boy."

A concert will be given by Mr. Carlos Hucke, assisted by Pedro II. Salazar, Madame Salazar and Xaver scharwanka, in Behr Hall, next Thesday evening.

The third service of the Church Contral Society will take place in the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Thursday evening. The works to be performed are Beethoven's mass in C and C. Villiers Stanford's setting of Psalm xivi, "God is Our Hope and Strength."

Mr. Richard Henry Warren will conduct and the solo parts will be in the hands of Mrs. Tyler Dutton, Mrs. Hattle Chapper Morris, James H. Richetson and Frant Remmertz. Horatio W Parker will be at the organ and the orchestra will number fifts five.

Madame Marie Ritter-toottre will give a song recital in the Concert Hail of Madison Square Garden on Wednesday evening.

The LiPlan Russell Opera Comique Company will aspear here, at the Metropolitan Opera House, and give one performance of Andrun's opera "La Cigale," on May 30 (Decoratice Dav). The entire opera will be gens of Flody's opera "Martha." Carl Stellmann, Signor Tagliapletra, Lonis Harrison, Charles Dungan, Arthur Ryley and Suzane Leonard will have the support of the company and the taffet in scenes from "Carmen" and "Clover, thus giving a "triby bill" of great magnitude. The day following this performance of Miss Russell salis for Europe.

Mr. Franz Rammel's sixth pianoforte recital will take place on Wednesday afterneon of this week in the Concert Hall of the Madison Square Garden, II will be devoted to the muste of Chopin and its central number will be the Sonat A testimonial concert to Mr. Agramonte is to be